Departments owing vast properties all over the Country for timely payment of service charges to local bodies concerned as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Finance.

Scheme to bring waters of rivers Krishna to Urban areas of Hyderabad

7260. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all clearance have been given to Government of Andhra Pradesh to implement the scheme of bringing waters of river Krishna for use in Hyderabad urban area;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are still any procedural hurdles pending clearances; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) and (b) The following clearances have been given to the Project proposal of the Government of Andhra Pradesh for augmentation of Water Supply to the twin cities of Hyderabad & Secunderabad from the foreshore of Nagarjuna Sagar (River Krishna) at an estimated cost of Rs. 640 crores:—

(i) technical clearance by the Ministry of Urban Development;

(ii) clearance of the Planning Commission from funding angle; and

(iii) clearance of the Department of Economic Affairs for obtaining World Bank assistance.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh is required to sort out the water availability and inter-State aspects with the Central Water Commission/Ministry of Water Resources.

Revival of Machine-2 Water Schemes

7261. SHRI AHMED MOHAMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether alarmed with severe shortage of water even at the beginning of summer, giant industries in Kutch, including the Kandla Port Trust, Railways and Indian Farmers Fertilizer co-operative, are likely to seek the revival of Machhu-2 water scheme;

(b) if so whether water shortage has already hit the IFFCO production and Kandla Free Trade Zone units, Railways and KPT which are buying water from private suppliers; and

(c) if so what steps are taken to alleviate the problems caused by water shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) As informed by the State Govt. at present water supply to Kandla Gandhi Dham Complex is supplied from tubewells.

Machhu-2 water supply scheme is at the planning stage, hence the question of revival does not arise.

(b) IFFCO plant was temporarily affected and some units of KFTZ buy water if necessary.

(c) Three new tubewells are developed. Power Supply problems are resolved. The existing schemes is being maintained on no profit no loss basis and all the above beneficiary agencies are to share the additional costs for which none of them have come forward despite advance notice. Hence, they are purchasing water as and when required from private sources.